

HB 1127

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to requirements for Medicaid eligibility;
3 amending s. 409.903, F.S.; providing that low-income
4 families that have children are eligible for Medicaid if
5 the family's countable income does not exceed 35 percent
6 of the federal poverty level and resource standards do not
7 exceed the applicable standards for Aid to Families with
8 Dependent Children; amending s. 445.029, F.S.; extending
9 the time during which a family that has lost temporary
10 cash assistance due to earnings may remain eligible for
11 Medicaid without reapplication if private insurance is
12 unavailable or unaffordable; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
17 409.903, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.--The
19 agency shall make payments for medical assistance and related
20 services on behalf of the following persons who the department,
21 or the Social Security Administration by contract with the
22 Department of Children and Family Services, determines to be
23 eligible, subject to the income, assets, and categorical
24 eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on
25 behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the
26 availability of moneys and any limitations established by the
27 General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

28 (1) Low-income families with children are eligible for
 29 Medicaid provided they meet the following requirements:

30 (c) The family's countable income does ~~and resources do~~
 31 not exceed 35 percent of the federal poverty level and resource
 32 standards do not exceed the applicable Aid to Families with
 33 Dependent Children (AFDC) ~~income and~~ resource standards under
 34 the AFDC state plan in effect in July 2006 ~~1996~~, except as
 35 amended in the Medicaid state plan to conform as closely as
 36 possible to the requirements of the welfare transition program,
 37 to the extent permitted by federal law.

38 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 445.029, Florida
 39 Statutes, is amended to read:

40 445.029 Transitional medical benefits.--

41 (1) A family that loses its temporary cash assistance due
 42 to earnings shall remain eligible for Medicaid without
 43 reapplication during the immediately succeeding 24-month ~~12-~~
 44 ~~month~~ period if private medical insurance is unavailable from
 45 the employer or is unaffordable.

46 (a) The family shall be denied Medicaid during the 24-
 47 month ~~12-month~~ period for any month in which the family does not
 48 include a dependent child.

49 (b) The family shall be denied Medicaid if, during the
 50 final ~~second~~ 6 months of the 24-month ~~12-month~~ period, the
 51 family's average gross monthly earnings during the preceding
 52 month exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.